

## **Near-Field Beam Parameters and Their Relationship to Optical Damage and Filamentation\***

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### Abstract

The safe National Ignition Facility (NIF) operating regime will be strongly constrained by the need to avoid damage to optical surfaces and bulk filamentation. Theoretical and computational models for these phenomena will be discussed, along with NIF performance simulations.

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